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TO: Honorable Geanie W. Morrison, Chair, House Committee on Transportation

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2065 by Phillips (Relating to fines collected by a county or municipality from the enforcement of commercial motor vehicle safety standards.), **As Introduced**

Depending on the number of municipalities and counties that might fail to comply with the reporting requirement, there could be an indeterminate gain to the State.

The bill would amend Chapter 644 of the Transportation Code relating to fines collected by a county or municipality from the enforcement of commercial motor vehicle standards.

The bill would amend the Transportation Code requiring a municipality or county that collects fines from the enforcement of commercial motor vehicle standards to file an annual report with the Comptroller detailing the amount of fines retained by the municipality or county and the actual expenses incurred for the enforcement of this chapter during the previous fiscal year. A municipality or county that fails to submit the report would be required to send the Comptroller an amount for deposit to the credit of the Texas Department of Transportation equal to the amount retained by that municipality or county in the fiscal year the report would cover.

Depending on the number of municipalities and counties that fail to comply with the reporting requirement, there could be a positive fiscal impact to the state. The Comptroller estimates no significant fiscal impact to implement the provisions of the bill.

This legislation would do one or more of the following: create or recreate a dedicated account in the General Revenue Fund, create or recreate a special or trust fund either with or outside of the Treasury, or create a dedicated revenue source. The fund, account, or revenue dedication included in this bill would be subject to funds consolidation review by the current Legislature.

Local Government Impact

According to the Texas Municipal League, no significant fiscal impact is anticipated. However, municipalities and counties are at risk of losing revenue if they fail to comply with the provisions of the bill.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 405 Department of Public Safety, 601 Department of Transportation

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